



One Hundred First Legislature - First Session - 2009
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 409

Chairperson: Brad Ashford
Committee: Judiciary
Date of Hearing: February 11, 2009

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 409 changes Nebraska statutes by including arson dogs in the same category as police animals. This change will provide extra protection for dogs used in fire scene investigations by allowing charges against an individual who knowingly and intentionally harasses, teases, causes serious injury or illness, or kills an arson dog while it is performing its official duties.

LB 409 also changes the definition of police animal. Currently, the statutes define police animal as dogs or horses owned or controlled by the State of Nebraska for the purpose of assisting Nebraska State Troopers. This bill changes the definition of police animal to dogs or horses owned by any law enforcement agency in Nebraska.

Principal Introducer:

Senator M.L. Dierks